Mr. K. M. Krishnappa.—I am against *Swechachara i.e.*, deviating from what is prescribed in our Shastras and Puranas, according to which the proper sphere of woman is the household. Women have peculiar disabilities due to their sex. They cannot therefore very well be expected to take part in public affairs. If they are elected as representatives of this Assembly, I am sure that, owing to these disabilities, many of the seats will be vacant. I therefore strongly oppose the grant of the right of franchise to women. If the right has been granted in western countries, it was because many men died during the war. So long as we cherish any reverence for our ancient Hindu Dharma, we cannot think of extending this right to women.

Mr. Vonkarappa.— Western customs are different from ours. In Western countries, it is permissible for men to shake hands with women. But in Hindu society, such a practice is considered objectionable. It is not right to extend the right of franchise to our women.

Mr. Bhaskarappa.—I am in favour of giving equal privileges to women. For this purpose, they should be given facilities to get themselves educated. The spread of female education will lead to happiness at home.

At this stage, it was proposed to find out the general sense of the Assembly. Mr. Krishna Sastry was against taking votes on a social question of the kind under discussion, while Mr. Gopalaswamy Iyer also opposed the taking of votes as many of the members were absent.

Votes having been taken, 39 members voted for the proposition and 58 against.

(*Vide.*—Dewan's concluding remarks in Appendix G.)

SUBJECT No. 90.

Election of non-official Presidents to Local Boards.

Messrs. V. Shamiengar and Putanna, T. Narsipur Taluk; Varadaiya, T. Narsipur Municipality, and Lakshminarnappa, Mugur Municipality.

Mr. V. Shama Iyengar.—Government are aware that most of the non-official Vice-Presidents of Local Boards have been turning out satisfactory work. In places where non-official Vice-Presidents have been doing good work, permission may be accorded to elect a non-official President also. There will be some inconvenience, if there is an official President and a non-official Vice-President.

In any case, the Amildar should not be the official President of any Taluk Board. The non-official Vice-President works day and night, but all the credit goes to the President. If an official President is considered essential, the Sub-Division Officer may be appointed in preference to the Amildar.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao.—When Deputy Commissioners were Presidents of Local Boards, they used to hear petitions, complaints, etc., and redress grievances.

But the Local Self-Government Scheme is not working satisfactorily in most places. Very often, the non-official Vice-Presidents are in the hands of the Amildar-Presidents. I would therefore suggest Deputy Commissioners being made Presidents of Local Boards where competent non-official Presidents are not available.

Dewan.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 91.

Levy of municipal taxes on vacant sites.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—In the absence of other means for the recovery of municipal taxes due on vacant sites, Municipalities may be authorised to recover the dues by proceeding against the sites on which the taxes are due.

Note.—Discussed with Subject No. 42.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MUZRAI.

(No. 92.)

SUBJECT No. 92.

Increase of *Padithara* and *Deepáráadhane* allowances to Muzrai institutions.

Messrs. D. Srikanta Rao, and D. S Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Messrs D. S. Hanumantha Rao and D. Srikanta Rao.—In all Muzrai institutions, only a sum of annas 8 or 10 is being given every month for the purpose of *Padithara*, *Deeparadhane*, etc., and this amount does not at all suffice for the purpose intended. The devotees have contributed half the amount required for the repairs of the temples, etc., and this is supplemented by the other half given by Government. The *Tasdik* of these temples may therefore be raised, at least, to Rs. 4 or 5 a month for the due performance of the same.

Mr. V. Shama Iyengar.—Sir, at the time of the revision of the scale of expenditure in the case of several temples, very low remuneration has been fixed for temple servants, while decent sums of money have been shown as savings. At least, these latter sums may be made use of for increasing the emoluments of the temple servants.

Second Member of Council.—If proposals are sent up to the Muzrai Department about the particular institutions that the members have in view, they will be considered.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(Nos. 93 to 98.)

SUBJECT No. 93.

The Miller Committee Report and Government Orders thereon.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Taluk; A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar Taluk; H. Shama Rao, Honnali Municipality, and Venkappaiya, Shimoga District Board; S. Seetharamaiya and A. Ananthaiya, Shimoga Taluk; C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board and A. Shamanna

At 3-30 P.M. on 15th October 1921, Mr. K. T. Seshaiya and a few other members desired that the Subject of the Miller Committee Report and the Orders of Government thereon be discussed. *Messrs. Krishna Sastry and M. Venkatakrishnaiya* were of opinion, however, that there was not enough time for the subject being discussed sufficiently and that it might therefore, be discussed later on, lest the discussion should be superficial.